AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A method of displaying a video image, the method comprising:

impinging a beam on a portion of a reflective surface of a light modulator, the beam having a wavelength suitable for displaying a video image, and wherein the reflective surface comprises an aluminum alloy[[.]], the aluminum alloy comprising aluminum and copper.

- 2. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the aluminum alloy comprises aluminum and copper, and wherein the copper is greater than about 0.5% of the aluminum alloy.
- 3. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the wavelength is between about 400nm and about 700nm.
- 4. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the beam comprises a laser beam having a power density greater than about 3kW/cm².
- 5. (canceled)
- 6. (canceled)
- 7. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the light modulator comprises a plurality of deflectable ribbons.
- 8. (currently amended) A system for displaying a video image, the system comprising:

an array of ribbon light modulators having a reflective surface configured to reflect or diffract a beam to display a video image, and wherein the reflective surface comprises an aluminum alloy[[.]], the aluminum alloy comprising aluminum and copper.

- 9. (currently amended) The system of claim 8 wherein the aluminum alloy comprises aluminum and copper, and wherein the copper is greater than about 0.5% of the aluminum alloy.
- 10. (original) The system of claim 8 wherein the beam has a wavelength between about 400nm and about 700nm.
- 11. (original) The system of claim 8 wherein the beam comprises a laser beam having a power density greater than about 3kW/cm².
- 12. (canceled)
- 13. (canceled)

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14. (currently amended) A method of displaying a video image, the method comprising:

impinging a first beam on a portion of a reflective surface of a light modulator, the reflective surface comprising an aluminum alloy, the aluminum alloy comprising aluminum and copper; and

projecting the first beam on a screen to display a first color of a multi-color video image.

- 15. (original) The method of claim 14 further comprising:
 impinging a second beam on the reflective surface; and
 projecting the second beam on the screen to display a second color of the video image.
- 16. (original) The method of claim 15 wherein the first beam has a wavelength that results in the first color being red.
- 17. (original) The method of claim 15 wherein the first beam has a wavelength that results in the first color being green.
- 18. (original) The method of claim 15 wherein the first beam has a wavelength that results in the first color being blue.
- 19. (currently amended) The method of claim 15 wherein the aluminum alloy emprises aluminum and copper, and wherein the copper comprises greater than about 0.5% of the aluminum alloy.
- 20. (canceled)
- 21. (new) A method of displaying a video image, the method comprising: impinging a beam on a portion of a reflective surface of a light modulator, the beam having a wavelength suitable for displaying a video image, and wherein the reflective surface comprises an aluminum alloy, the aluminum alloy comprising aluminum and titanium.
- 22. (new) The method of claim 21 wherein the wavelength is between about 400nm and about 700nm.
- 23. (new) The method of claim 21 wherein the beam comprises a laser beam having a power density greater than about 3kW/cm².
- 24. (new) The method of claim 21 wherein the light modulator comprises a plurality of deflectable ribbons.
- 25. (new) A method of displaying a video image, the method comprising: impinging a beam on a portion of a reflective surface of a light modulator, the beam having a wavelength suitable for displaying a video image, and wherein the reflective surface comprises an aluminum alloy, the aluminum alloy comprising aluminum and hafnium.

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- 26. (new) The method of claim 25 wherein the wavelength is between about 400nm and about 700nm.
- 27. (new) The method of claim 25 wherein the beam comprises a laser beam having a power density greater than about 3kW/cm².
- 28. (new) The method of claim 25 wherein the light modulator comprises a plurality of deflectable ribbons.
- 29. (new) A system for displaying a video image, the system comprising: an array of ribbon light modulators having a reflective surface configured to reflect or diffract a beam to display a video image, and wherein the reflective surface comprises an aluminum alloy, the aluminum alloy comprising aluminum and titanium.
- 30. (new) The system of claim 29 wherein the beam has a wavelength between about 400nm and about 700nm.
- 31. (new) The system of claim 29 wherein the beam comprises a laser beam having a power density greater than about 3kW/cm².
- 32. (new) A system for displaying a video image, the system comprising: an array of ribbon light modulators having a reflective surface configured to reflect or diffract a beam to display a video image, and wherein the reflective surface comprises an aluminum alloy, the aluminum alloy comprising aluminum and hafnium.
- 33. (new) The system of claim 32 wherein the beam has a wavelength between about 400nm and about 700nm.
- 34. (new) The system of claim 32 wherein the beam comprises a laser beam having a power density greater than about 3kW/cm².
- 35. (new) A method of displaying a video image, the method comprising: impinging a first beam on a portion of a reflective surface of a light modulator, the reflective surface comprising an aluminum alloy, the aluminum alloy comprising aluminum and titanium;

projecting the first beam on a screen to display a first color of a multi-color video image;

impinging a second beam on the reflective surface; and projecting the second beam on the screen to display a second color of the video image.

- 36. (new) The method of claim 35 wherein the first beam has a wavelength that results in the first color being red.
- 37. (new) The method of claim 35 wherein the first beam has a wavelength that results in the first color being green.

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- 38. (new) The method of claim 35 wherein the first beam has a wavelength that results in the first color being blue.
- 39. (new) A method of displaying a video image, the method comprising: impinging a first beam on a portion of a reflective surface of a light modulator, the reflective surface comprising an aluminum alloy, the aluminum alloy comprising aluminum and hafnium;

projecting the first beam on a screen to display a first color of a multi-color video image;

impinging a second beam on the reflective surface; and projecting the second beam on the screen to display a second color of the video image.

- 40. (new) The method of claim 39 wherein the first beam has a wavelength that results in the first color being red.
- 41. (new) The method of claim 39 wherein the first beam has a wavelength that results in the first color being green.
- 42. (new) The method of claim 39 wherein the first beam has a wavelength that results in the first color being blue.